GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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MINING PERMISSION TO KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has permitted Karnataka Power Corporation Limited to mine coal in new mines of Western coal-fields;

(b) if so, the reasons for giving coal mines to Karnataka Power Corporation Limited despite the inability of WCL to supply coal to adjoining industries and power plants;

(c) whether the Government is aware of its adverse effect on small scale industries and power plants in WCL areas; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO)

(a): Government has allocated coal blocks to M/s Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd. which are located in the State of Maharashtra, in the area of operation of the Western Coalfields Limited.

(b) & (c): Blocks which have been identified for allocation to private / public sector for captive mining are considered for allocation to applicants for captive mining of coal for power generation, iron & steel production and cement production. Such blocks are outside the CIL area and are not in production programme and future planning of the Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries. The coal blocks ofBaranj-I to IV, Kiloni and Manora Deep, which are included in the list of coal blocks identified for captive mining, have been allocated to the Karnataka Power Corporation for coal mining for captive use in their power plant. Since these blocks did not form part of the production programme of WCL, the question of it having adverse effect on small scale industries and power plants in WCL area does not arise.

(d): Does not arise in view of the answer given to parts (b) & (c) above.